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portions and a fixing portion, wherein said welding portions include a material which melts under hot pressing conditions and said fixing portion is provided with auxiliary fixing means, wherein said two welding portions are attached to the fixing portion so that the two welding portions depend from said fixing portion.--

Please amend claims 14-17, 19-21 and 23-25 as follows.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--;
lines 1-2, delete "at least one".

Claim 15, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--;
lines 1-2, delete "at least one".

Claim 16, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--;
lines 1-2, delete "at least one".

Claim 17, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--;
lines 1-2, delete "at least one".

Claim 19, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--;
lines 1-2, delete "at least one".

Claim 20, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--;
lines 1-2, delete "at least one".

Claim 21, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "22" and insert therefor --30--.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "22" and insert therefor --30--.

Claim 25, line 1, delete "13" and insert therefor --27--.